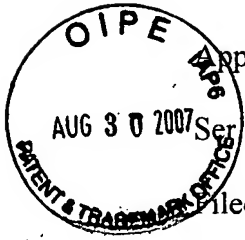


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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action of April 17, 2007 which rejected all the remaining claims only under §102(e) in view of the newly cited prima facie Ries and Frohwein references.

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In response to this Office Action, please amend the claims as follows and reconsider them in light of the enclosed Rule 131 Declaration of Brian W. Brandner, one of the named joint inventors in this application, and the following remarks.